

CLASSIFICATION SECRETCOUNTRY East Germany

REPORT

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SUBJECT Military Information from Gotha and the Ohrdruf Area

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ORIGIN

PLACE OBTAINED

STATE OF CONTENT

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15 March 1954

REFERENCES

ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE)

REMARKS

This is UNEVALUATED Information

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1. Between 9 and 15 February 1954, the Neue Kaserne (8181), east of Schubertstrasse, Gotha, was occupied by an estimated 1,200 troops, including 1,080 troops wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets and the others wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia, blue-bordered black epaulets and black-bordered black epaulets with signal insignia. On 9 February, about 30 troops drilled with rifles in the barracks yard and, on 15 February, about 100 troops wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets and armed with heavy machine guns and carbines left the installation toward the training area on Eisenacher Strasse.
2. Between 9 and 15 February, the Heeresflak Kaserne (8181), west of Schubertstrasse, was occupied by an estimated 500 troops wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets. On 9 February, about 200 troops with 8 light machine guns, 2 heavy machine guns and carbines entered the installation.

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3. At 3 p.m. on 15 February, 4 emplaced 100-mm AT guns were seen at the Ohrdruf training grounds. The crews were assembled near one of the guns. A tent was seen about 200 meters from the AT gun emplacements. A telephone line was being constructed to the tent. Four camouflaged prime movers were dug-in near the tent while three radio trucks were parked 400 meters away from it.

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Comment. The 172d Gds Mtz Rifle Regt of the 57th Gds Mtz Rifle Div is confirmed by service color, infantry weapons. The motorcycle battalion, as well as the AT artillery battalion, are also carried in Gotha.

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